

**NEBRASKA DDD/MLTC WAIVER WORKGROUP: WAITLIST AND PRIORITIZATION**  
**MARCH 18, 2016**

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**Next Meeting:** 04/01/2016, NSOB LLF

**Agenda:**

**Welcome**

**Introductions**

**Additions to the Agenda? Questions since we met last?**

**Focus of the Prioritization & Waitlist**

**Understanding Appendix B –Power Point**

**Next Steps**

Topic	Person Responsible	Discussion	Action Item
Additions to the Agenda	Work Group	Parking Lot Items	Continue to Capture Parking Lot Items for the 2017 Redesign
Focus of the Prioritization & Waitlist Work Group	Bernie	Overview of task at hand- building from the waiver as it is currently- Current Practices. The key is stabilization- what have we been doing that is not in our waiver so it is not federally authorized. What could be approved we just have not asked. We will also be having similar discussions regarding the children's waiver. Registry and Priority and how it fits into the wavier. Wavier Application Waiver B will be the focus of this work group	None at this time

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Appendix B: Participant Access and Eligibility:	Work Group Members	See below for specific details regarding group discussion and recommendations.	See below
	Work Group	<p>B1: Specification of the Waiver Target Group(s):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• B1-a: Identify target group</li> <li>• B1-b: additional criteria.</li> <li>• B1-c: Age limit</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• B1-a: Identify target group. Moving forward we will check Autism as well. This is the only change for new waiver renewal.</li> <li>• B1-b: additional criteria. CMS comments: we know you cannot have more than one waiver. Clarified for group that this is a question on eligibility for waiver, not on services that a wavier provides               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ For Adult Day and Adult Comprehensive there will be no additional criteria.</li> <li>○ For Children's Waiver: If they turn 21 during the school year, when year is over then the move to DDAC occurs.</li> <li>○ Discussion on having needs met before Day Waiver begins                   <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Until 21 the school is responsible for the social/vocational</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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			<p>needs, 19-21 program if they qualify for Special Education</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ There is a transition period from school to the Day Waiver</li> <li>▪ A&amp;D Waiver: Individual will have to choose a waiver at some point.</li> <li>▪ Respite change at graduation? Respite is not based on fiscal year, but the individuals plan year.</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• B1-c: Age limit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ There is no limit except for Children's, when they turn 21 there is a transition plan to move them to the adult comprehensive waiver</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Appendix B: Participant Access and Eligibility	Work Group	B2: Individual Cost Limit (b&c)	This is not an area for this Workgroup

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	Work Group	<p>B3: Number of Unduplicated Individuals Served</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• B3-a: Numbers of participants</li> <li>• B3-b: Limitation of Number of Participants Served at Any Point in Time</li> <li>• B3-c: Reserved capacity</li> <li>• B3-d: phase in/out</li> <li>• B3-e: Allocation state vs regional</li> <li>• B3-f: Selection of entrants to the waiver</li> </ul>	<p>B3: This is a number that will be determined by the Director and Fiscal Analysts.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• B3-a: Numbers of participants: TBD by the Director.</li> <li>• B3-b: Limitation of Number of Participants Served at Any Point in Time <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ We will now be limiting the number of participants because we have a Waiting list</li> </ul> </li> <li>• B3-c: Reserved capacity <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ This group will be making recommendations for groups that we would like to add to this section of the waiver application. Homeless? Leaving ICFs? CFS Pilot kids? Military Family (forced move when had services in another state-add to redesign as this is not a population we currently</li> <li>○ prioritize/reserve capacity)? We will be coming back to this section to get more into the language of this section</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ We will now be limiting the number of participants because we have a Waiting list</li> <li>• B3-d: phase in/out               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Our waiver applications will all say no, this is an option when you have a new waiver or are ending an old waiver.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• B3-e: Allocation state vs regional               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Our Waivers are statewide, this will remain for these waiver applications</li> </ul> </li> <li>• B3-f: Selection of entrants to the waiver               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ We need to add clarification, to acknowledge that we have a waiting list</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
	Group Members	B4: Participant Access and Eligibility	This is based on Medicaid eligibility and so Medicaid rules/statutes will direct this section.

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	Group Members	B5: Post Eligibility Determination of Income	This is based in Medicaid eligibility and so Medicaid rules/statute will direct this section.
	Group Members	B6: Evaluation/Reevaluation of Level of Care <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• B6-a: Reasonable Indication of Need for Services</li> <li>• B6-b: Responsibility for Performing Evaluations and Reevaluations</li> <li>• B6-c: Qualifications of individuals performing evaluations</li> <li>• B6-d through end of B6:</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• B6-a: Reasonable Indication of Need for Services               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Minimum number of services, minimum frequency. CMS did not question this section</li> </ul> </li> <li>• B6-b: Responsibility for Performing Evaluations and Reevaluations               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Level of care: directed by operating agency (DSS) will be the selection for the application</li> </ul> </li> <li>• B6-c: Qualifications of individuals performing evaluations               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ This will describe DSS qualifications</li> </ul> </li> <li>• B6-d through end of B6: This is being completed by the Eligibility Workgroup</li> </ul>

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Reserved Capacity:	Work Group	<p>Being in a Reserved Capacity group does mean that you are guaranteed eligibility for that waiver or that funding will be immediately available (as funding is always based in available appropriations).</p> <p>Graduates are prioritized for day funding, we have this language already as this is not new. We do need to add language about going from CDD to DDAC</p> <p>Pilot group, what do we do with this group? When they age out?</p> <p>Priority Status State statue driven to show who the priority groups are. Language would need to indicate that other funding options should also be applied for, DD is not always the correct funding source</p> <p>When someone is DD eligible an SC can be utilized to assist in finding resources to work through or prevent a crisis, DD is working on getting SC's assigned to more people currently on the Registry.</p> <p>APS/CPS is the DHHS entity that is able to determine if neglect (including self-neglect) is occurring.</p>	<p>Workgroups thoughts on Reserved Capacity for each waiver</p> <p>Children's Waiver: Pilot group, Priority status, Court custody (for those who are age of majority), transition from ICF, transition from nursing home (institution)</p> <p>Adult Day Waiver: Graduates, court custody, military &amp; professionals where there is a service gap in what they provide, transition from children's waiver, priority Status</p> <p>Adult Comprehensive Waiver: Graduates, court custody, military &amp; professionals where there is a service gap in what they provide, transition from children's waiver, transition from institution, priority status</p> <p>Military/Professionals This will be placed in the parking lot for the redesign efforts as this is currently not a population for whom NDHHS reserves capacity.</p>

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		<p>DD is working on improving collaboration with Department of Education and other DD related entities so that more families can be educated on their options.</p> <p>Court Custody: DHHS has custody over an adult and we have responsibility to the court to report on progress</p> <p>ICF's and Nursing Homes Clarification on Money follows the person: you have to be in an institution for 90+ days and then this program can assist to transition out</p> <p>Military/Professionals Voluntary vs. involuntary move should be addressed Personal choice is a factor Professionals are unable to move here for a job unless a family member gets DD funding This could also be looked at as discrimination?</p>	
DATA	Teresa/Bernie	<p>How many grads to anticipate?</p> <p>How many priorities per year?</p>	Bernie/Teresa to provide the number of grads that NDHHS expects/anticipates as well as the number of priority one status individuals that are typically brought in each year.



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Numbers Served	Sarah	How many families is Munroe-Meyer Institute working with	Sarah to bring some data or other information which may be of benefit to the workgroup.
Hidden population	Bernie, Kristen Larsen	What is the number of adults living with their family that have never applied for services? There may be research on this that has been done by UNO.	Bernie to check with the DD Council regarding any studies or information the DD Council is aware of.
Next Steps.	Group Members	<p>Moving forward, since we have the target populations for the reserved capacity identified for each waiver, next steps will be in defining the target populations.</p> <p>Discuss B3-f: Selection of entrants to the waiver: We need to add clarification, to acknowledge that we have a waiting list</p>	<p>Group members to bring some proposed language regarding the reserved capacity groups.</p> <p>B3-F: Reach out to Pam Hovis for any already existing language around this issue.</p>
Webinar	Bernie	This is a difficult process for those participating by phone.	Look into possibly of webinar format